

Sub 1
C1
18. (Amended) The cosmetic or an external agent according to claim 29, wherein the dimerdiol ester is of a monocarboxylic acid having 4 to 34 carbon atoms.

C2
22. (Amended) The cosmetic or an external agent according to claim 29, wherein the dimerdiol ester is of a dicarboxylic acid.

C3
27. (Amended) The cosmetic or an external agent according to claim 29, which further comprises an antioxidant.

Please add the following claims:

Sub 3
C4
--29. A cosmetic or an external agent comprising a dimerdiol ester of a monocarboxylic acid having 4 to 34 carbon atoms and/or a dimerdiol ester of a dicarboxylic acid, wherein said cosmetic or external agent is a skin cosmetic or external skin agent.--

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--30. A cosmetic or an external agent comprising a dimerdiol ester of a monocarboxylic acid having 4 to 34 carbon atoms and/or a dimerdiol ester of a dicarboxylic acid, and at least one additive selected from the group consisting of water, fats and oils, emulsifier, alcohols, humectant, thickening agent, antioxidant, preservative, bactericide, chelating agent, pH regulator, ultraviolet absorber, opacifier, solvent, keratin ablation and

resolution agent, antipruritic agent, antiphlogistine agent, antiperspirant agent, refrigerant, reductant, antihistamic agent, astringent, stimulant, hair growth agent, polymer powder, hydroxy acid, vitamins and derivatives thereof, saccharides and derivatives thereof, organic acids, enzymes, nucleic acids, hormones, clay minerals, aromatic agents and coloring agents.--

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--31. (New) A method of manufacturing a cosmetic comprising the step of incorporating a dimerdiol ester of a monocarboxylic acid having 4 to 34 carbon atoms and/or a dimerdiol ester of a dicarboxylic acid into a cosmetic mixture.--

--32. (New) A method of manufacturing a cosmetic comprising the step of incorporating a dimerdiol ester of a monocarboxylic acid having 4 to 34 carbon atoms and/or a dimerdiol ester of a dicarboxylic acid into a cosmetic mixture, kneading said mixture and fusing the mixture to obtain a cosmetic.--